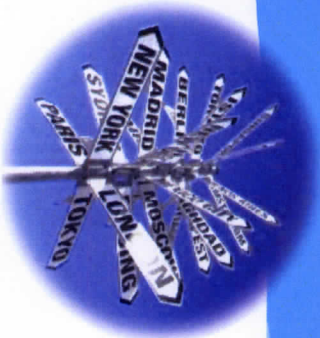


J Status

- Your J-1 DS-2019 permits you to perform research and live in the U.S.
- **Getting a new DS-2019 does not extend the J visa in your passport.**
- You can continue your program in the U.S. with an expired J visa and valid DS-2019.
- If your J visa has expired and you decide to travel outside of the countries mentioned in the Travel Tips section, you will have to obtain a new visa at a U.S. Consulate or Embassy so that you can return to the U.S. *
- Check [http://usembassy.state.gov/](http://usembassy.state.gov/to) to get visa application instructions and schedule an interview appointment. Approximate processing times can be found at http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/wait_4638.html
- Purchase refundable/flexible airplane tickets to avoid cancellation/rescheduling charges in case your visa application is delayed.
- Your I-94 card should always have a non-specific expiration date, indicated by "D/S."



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Travel Tips

If you are in J-1 visa status, always travel with the following items:

1. Your passport, which must be valid at least 6 months into the future
2. Original I-94 card (small white piece of paper usually stapled into your passport by U.S. Immigration)
3. Unexpired original DS-2019 that has been validated in the lower right corner with a travel signature from a Partners International Office responsible officer within the past 1 year. Our office is usually available without an appointment during normal business hours for a walk-in travel signature. If you want to be sure that a responsible officer will be available, you may email us with a preferred day and time in advance to confirm availability.
4. Copy of a recent U.S. hospital pay statement. If you are not paid by the U.S. hospital, you should bring a brief letter from your scientific host stating that you have a period of vacation and are expected to return.

If you are in J-2 visa status, always travel with the following items:

1. Your passport, which must be valid at least 6 months into the future
2. Original I-94 card (small white piece of paper usually stapled into your passport by U.S. Immigration)
3. Unexpired original DS-2019 that has been validated in the lower right corner with a travel signature from a Partners International Office responsible officer within the past 1 year. Our office is usually available without an appointment during normal business hours for a walk-in travel signature.
4. If you will travel separately from the J-1, take a copy of the J-1's recent U.S. hospital pay statement. If the J-1 is not paid by the U.S. hospital, the J-1 should give you a brief letter from their scientific host confirming that they are a current researcher.



Traveling to Canada, Mexico* or the Caribbean Islands** with Automatic Revalidation

J-1s and J-2s can travel to these locations for up to 30 days and return to the United States with an *expired* J visa. You must present these items when reentering the U.S.:

1. Your valid passport containing an original I-94 card that permits stay beyond the date you reenter the U.S. (you should have an I-94 card with a non-specific expiration date, indicating "D/S**")
2. Your visa for which the original I-94 was issued
3. You have maintained lawful non-immigrant status in the U.S. and intend to continue doing so (you should confirm by bringing your DS-2019).

BEFORE traveling to Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean Islands, please check with that country to see if a visitor/tourist visa is required for you to be allowed to enter that country. Citizens and nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, North Korea and Cuba are not eligible for automatic revalidation and should expect significant and burdensome delays when traveling outside of the U.S. All citizens who apply for a visa at a U.S. Consulate in Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean are not eligible for automatic revalidation.

